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## **STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2020-**

### **DELEGATING AUTHORITIES RELATED TO THE PROPOSITION 68 GROUNDWATER TREATMENT AND REMEDIATION GRANT PROGRAM**

#### **WHEREAS:**

1. The State Water Resources Control Board's (State Water Board) Division of Financial Assistance (DFA) is administering the Proposition 68 Groundwater Treatment and Remediation Grant Program (Prop 68 GW Grant Program);
2. Proposition 68 allocated \$74 million for grants for treatment and remediation activities that prevent or reduce contamination of groundwater that serves as a source of drinking water, \$16 million of which is set-aside for projects serving severely disadvantaged communities (SDACs);
3. The Prop 68 GW Grant Program Guidelines (Prop 68 GW Guidelines) target funding toward operations and maintenance (O&M) of existing treatment and remediation systems;
4. Demand has not been sufficient to utilize the full allocation, therefore, DFA is proposing new authorities to allow remaining funds to be utilized for beneficial projects;
5. San Gabriel Basin Water Quality Authority (WQA) has more than \$35 million in eligible needs, and the State Water Board can authorize approving funds in excess of the \$20 million maximum per applicant established in the Prop 68 GW Guidelines;
6. Funds remaining thereafter can be utilized for drinking water projects serving disadvantaged communities that do not necessarily remediate the aquifer but treat groundwater for direct potable use; and
7. Contingent on budget authority, DFA proposes to utilize unencumbered funds remaining as of the end of 2022 to extend executed funding agreements for O&M projects funded according to the Prop 68 GW Guidelines, in order to continue providing O&M support past the existing June 2023 appropriation end date.

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

The State Water Board:

1. Delegates authority to the Deputy Director of DFA to approve Proposition 68 GW Grant Program awards exceeding the \$20 million per applicant limitation established in the Prop 68 GW Guidelines.
2. Delegates authority to the Deputy Director of DFA to award remaining Proposition 68 GW Grant Program funds for drinking water treatment projects, consistent with Section 80141 of the Public Resources Code and either the Proposition 1 Groundwater Grant Program Guidelines or the Safe and Affordable Drinking Water Fund Expenditure Plan, which may include providing more than ten percent of the allocation for planning or technical assistance, respectively, as determined based on need.
3. Waives the Prop 68 GW Guidelines for drinking water projects funded per Item 2.
4. Delegates authority to the Deputy Director of DFA to utilize any funds remaining unencumbered as of the end of 2022 to extend executed funding agreements for the O&M projects funded according to the Prop 68 GW Guidelines, contingent upon budget authority.

## **CERTIFICATION**

The undersigned Clerk to the Board does hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true, and correct copy of a resolution duly and regularly adopted at a meeting of the State Water Resources Control Board held on August 18, 2020.

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Jeanine Townsend  
Clerk to the Board